



WEST NEWBURY

Essex County



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NARRATIVE

Narrative

Located 40 miles north of Boston, West Newbury is a delightful community characterized by rolling hills with broad valleys and an unspoiled rural charm. The Merrimack River, which flows along the northern border, provides scenic beauty and recreational boating. Hiking trails being developed along the West Newbury shoreline will connect with those of adjacent communities.

During the holiday season, families travel to West Newbury to choose and cut a Christmas tree from one of the town's many Christmas tree farms. The Mill Pond area, encompassing over 200 acres, provides passive recreational activities including cross-country skiing, hiking, fishing, horse riding rings and trails, as well as a winter carnival, fall hayrides and other family oriented activities organized by the Mill Pond Committee. Youth programs include soccer, baseball and softball teams, summer children's theater, an after-school sports and arts program and a children's story hour at the Library. A splendid playground was constructed through the efforts of hundreds of volunteers working together in a spirit of friendship and cooperation. The PTO and Pentucket Activities Association through fundraising activities supplement the programs of both the elementary and secondary schools. Organizations for older citizens include the Historical Society, Garden Club and TOWNYS. The talented Volunteer Firemen's Association Marching Band, comprised of young folks and older citizens epitomizes the cooperative spirit of community members working and playing together that make West Newbury a special community.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Northeastern Massachusetts, bordered by Newburyport on the east, Newbury and Groveland on the south, and separated by the Merrimack River from Haverhill on the west and from Merrimack and Amesbury on the north. West Newbury is 13 miles northeast of Lawrence and 31 miles north of Boston.

Total Area: 14.60 sq. miles

Land Area: 13.52 sq. miles

Population: 3,421

Density: 253 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Haverhill Station)

Normal temperature in January.....24.7°F

Normal temperature in July.....72.5°F

Normal annual precipitation.....44.4"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Newburyport West, Haverhill

Regional Planning Agency

Merrimack Valley Region

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Lawrence



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (978) 363-5487

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Administrative Assistant

Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1819

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

Number	%
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Total Registered 2,343

Democrats 563 24.0 % Republicans 644 27.5 % Other parties 1 0.0 % Unenrolled Voters 1,135 48.4 %

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: West Newbury town, Essex County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	4,149	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	4,149	100.0
Male.....	2,069	49.9	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	27	0.7
Female.....	2,080	50.1	Mexican.....	3	0.1
Under 5 years.....	312	7.5	Puerto Rican.....	7	0.2
5 to 9 years.....	348	8.4	Cuban.....	-	-
10 to 14 years.....	379	9.1	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	17	0.4
15 to 19 years.....	275	6.6	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	4,122	99.3
20 to 24 years.....	110	2.7	White alone.....	4,068	98.0
25 to 34 years.....	298	7.2	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	822	19.8	Total population.....	4,149	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	845	20.4	In households.....	4,144	99.9
55 to 59 years.....	242	5.8	Householder.....	1,392	33.6
60 to 64 years.....	153	3.7	Spouse.....	1,069	25.8
65 to 74 years.....	213	5.1	Child.....	1,467	35.4
75 to 84 years.....	111	2.7	Own child under 18 years.....	1,204	29.0
85 years and over.....	41	1.0	Other relatives.....	126	3.0
Median age (years).....	39.6	(X)	Under 18 years.....	33	0.8
18 years and over.....	2,903	70.0	Nonrelatives.....	90	2.2
Male.....	1,406	33.9	Unmarried partner.....	41	1.0
Female.....	1,497	36.1	In group quarters.....	5	0.1
21 years and over.....	2,808	67.7	Institutionalized population.....	-	-
62 years and over.....	448	10.8	Noninstitutionalized population.....	5	0.1
65 years and over.....	365	8.8	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	161	3.9	Total households.....	1,392	100.0
Female.....	204	4.9	Family households (families).....	1,183	85.0
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	649	46.6
One race.....	4,132	99.6	Married-couple family.....	1,069	76.8
White.....	4,086	98.5	With own children under 18 years.....	593	42.6
Black or African American.....	8	0.2	Female householder, no husband present.....	86	6.2
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	1	-	With own children under 18 years.....	43	3.1
Asian.....	22	0.5	Nonfamily households.....	209	15.0
Asian Indian.....	-	-	Householder living alone.....	165	11.9
Chinese.....	9	0.2	Householder 65 years and over.....	72	5.2
Filipino.....	2	-	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	676	48.6
Japanese.....	7	0.2	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	261	18.8
Korean.....	3	0.1	Average household size.....	2.98	(X)
Vietnamese.....	-	-	Average family size.....	3.25	(X)
Other Asian ¹	1	-	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	-	-	Total housing units.....	1,423	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	-	-	Occupied housing units.....	1,392	97.8
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	31	2.2
Samoan.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	-	-	occasional use.....	9	0.6
Some other race.....	15	0.4	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.5	(X)
Two or more races.....	17	0.4	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	5.8	(X)
Race alone or in combination with one			HOUSING TENURE		
or more other races: ³			Occupied housing units.....	1,392	100.0
White.....	4,103	98.9	Owner-occupied housing units.....	1,295	93.0
Black or African American.....	13	0.3	Renter-occupied housing units.....	97	7.0
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	2	-	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	3.05	(X)
Asian.....	28	0.7	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.04	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	-	-			
Some other race.....	21	0.5			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 26

Conventional Federal: 0

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP: 0

Federal (Section 8): 0



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

The development of transportation resources in the Merrimack River Valley, where West Newbury is situated, was shaped by the history of the region as a major site of American industrial development in the nineteenth century. The area has exceptionally good highway and rail facilities linking the major cities and towns to each other and to the port, airport, and intermodal facilities of Boston.

Major Highways

Principal highways are State Route 113 and Interstate Route 95. Interstate Route 495 runs just north of the town boundary along the Merrimack River.

Rail

There is no passenger or freight rail service in West Newbury but the network of intermodal facilities serving Massachusetts is easily accessible.

Bus

West Newbury is a member of the Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority (MVRTA) but does not receive services.

Other

The Newburyport-Plum Island Airport, a privately owned public-use facility, is easily accessible from West Newbury. It has a 2,520'x 50' asphalt runway. Instrument approaches available: Non-precision.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

(American Association of Museums)

None

MUSEUMS

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

None

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

None

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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